

ENGLISH 3 (AP) A, B

**Description of Target Group**

This course is a two-semester course designed to meet the district's graduation requirement. English 3 (AP) is aimed at accelerated students who have successfully completed English 1A/1B (P) and 2A/2B (H) with an "A" or a "B" or who have received a teacher recommendation.

**Purpose**

The purpose of English 3 (AP) is to continue to provide students with those English language experiences that will enable them to develop the skills they must have to express their ideas clearly, concisely, and comprehensively in writing and in speaking. Students will write expository essays and critical analysis of literary selections and will develop a knowledge of and an appreciation for the American tradition through their study of American, English, and World Literature as they prepare for the Advanced Placement Examination in Language and Composition.

**Standards of Expected Student Achievement**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to successfully demonstrate the following:

**READING**

Students will achieve knowledge of and appreciation for the American tradition through an in-depth study of literature. Students will read selected short stories, novels, drama, poetry, and non-fiction in order to identify the purpose and modes of discourse, recognize the conventions of assorted genres, achieve a working knowledge of rhetorical and structural devices, and extrapolate and evaluate themes.

**WRITING**

Students will write extensively using several rhetorical structures in order to employ effective transitions and subordination. They will learn to organize information selectively and to communicate successfully with a wide variety of intellectually demanding audiences.

**SPEAKING**

Students will participate in class discussions and small groups by communicating their ideas or opinions clearly while demonstrating respect for others' opinions.

**LISTENING**

Students will follow oral directions and take notes from dictation or lectures.

## **Instructional Materials**

Refer to: Secondary Adopted Texts and Approved Supplementary Books Used in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District